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TO: All Psychiatric Service Providers and Managed Care
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SUBJECT: Clarification of Review of Psychiatric Records

The purpose of this Medicaid Memorandum is to inform providers of a clarification to the policy in the Psychiatric Services Manual, the Community Mental Health and Rehabilitation Manual, and the Mental Health Clinic Manual. Although this policy is not listed in the current School Services Manual, the same policy applies. Medicaid does not cover interpretation of examinations, procedures and data, and the preparation of reports. This includes CPT procedure code 90885 (psychiatric evaluation of hospital records, other psychiatric reports, psychometric and/or projective tests, and other accumulated data for medical diagnostic purposes).

Medicaid considers review of records or reports to be included in the interview examination of the recipient. A psychiatric diagnostic interview examination includes a history, mental status, and a disposition, and may include communication with family or other sources, ordering and medical interpretation of laboratory, or other medical diagnostic studies.

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